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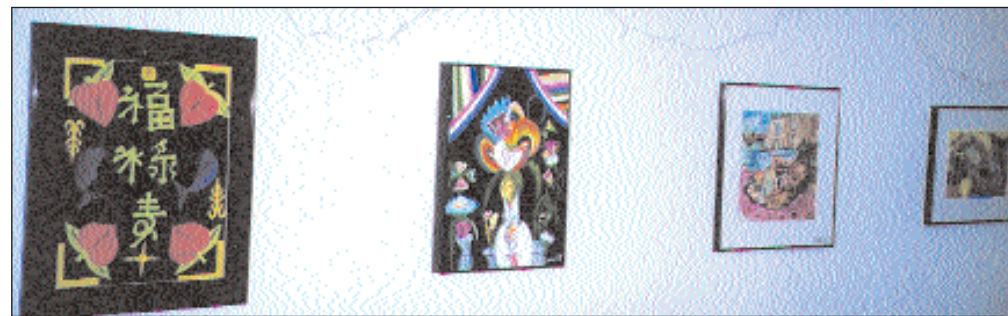
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## Art in the Sanctuary

By Brian Hamilton

As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting the arts in Southwest, Westminster Church invites the community to a "Meet the Artist" reception on Wednesday, January 28th at 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the sanctuary at 400 I Street, directly across from Amidon Elementary School. The event for this day celebrates the work of the numerous artists associated with Art Enables, a creative arts program for adults with developmental and/or mental dis-



abilities from around the DC. By gathering around the particular perspective of individual artists, Art in the Sanctuary is able to promote important conversations about the creative process and how we can all be enriched through it. All are welcomed and encouraged to expand their creative vision and apply it to the benefit of the public well-being of our local com-

munity.

*(Editor's note) Prices range from \$50 for an original watercolor on paper to \$150 for an original acrylic on canvas, all framed, ready to hang. The Art Enables studio at the Millennium Art Center, 65 I St., SW (202) 554-9455, is open Mon. through Fri. 10am - 4 pm. Visitors are welcome. Ring the bell.*

## SWNA General Meeting

Speakers for the Jan. 26th meeting will be Mr. Charles Cassell, George Rothman, Charles W. Anderson, and Jim Dougherty.

Mr. Cassell is an architect interested in Urban Planning, and Historic Preservation. His father, also Charles Cassells, was the architect of Southwest's James Creek Housing which was built in 1943-44.. Mr. Cassells will discuss his father's ideas of public housing and his own ideas about low income housing. This will be a fine opportunity to learn about the ideas that shaped our neighborhood.

Mr. Rothman of Manna will give a short report on the progress at the Syphax project. After a delay of several years, Syphax Village is moving towards completion.

Mr. Charles Anderson, CEO of the United Way of the Capital Area, will speak about rebuilding donor confidence and the future direction of the United Way.

Lastly, SW resident, Jim Dougherty will advise us of a bill which he wrote which is now pending before the City Council.

## SWNA Looking For Candidates For March Election

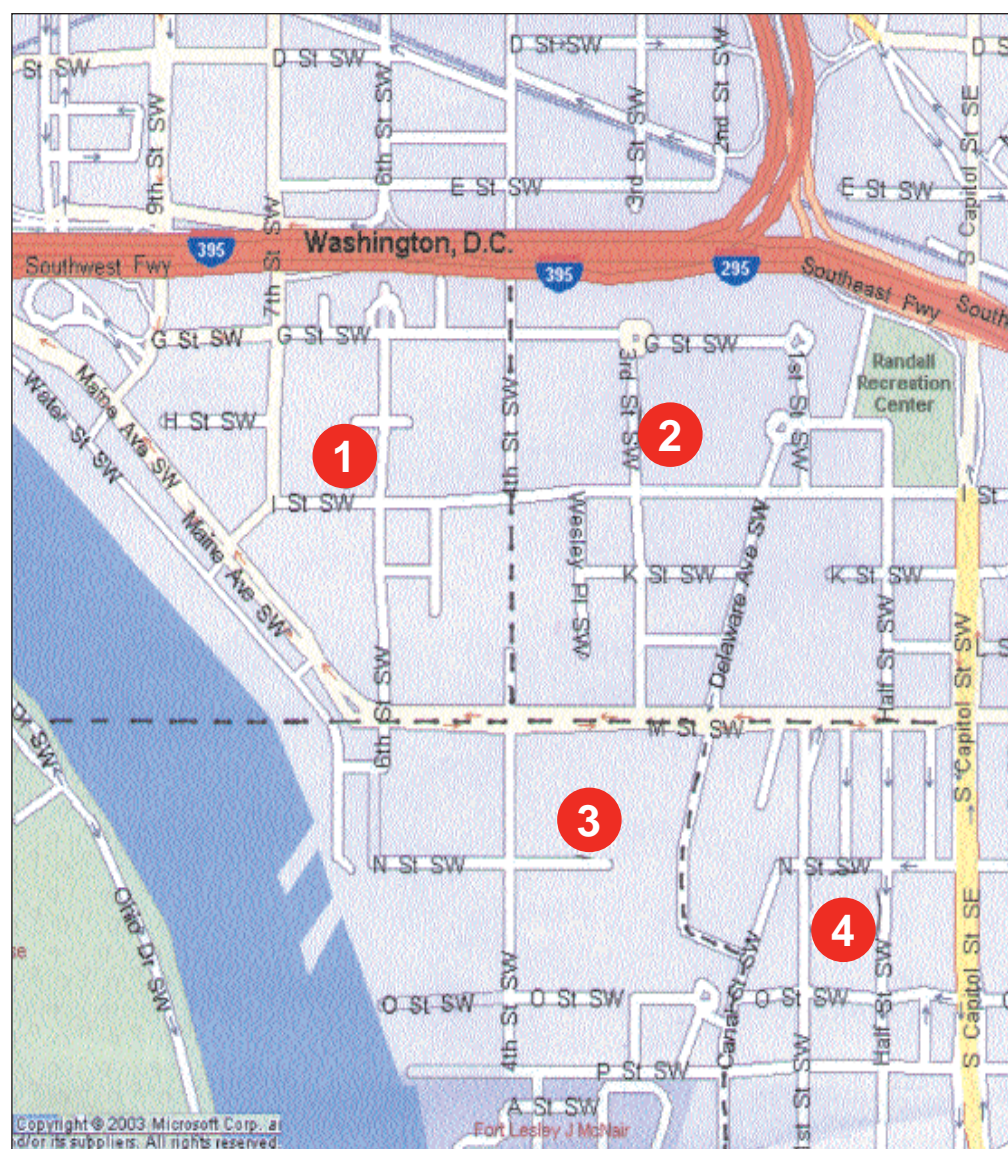
New Officers and Members of the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be elected in open elections Saturday March 20th at Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.

Any resident of Near Southwest (Zip Code 20024) age 18 and up is eligible to vote and to be elected. Write-ins are allowed. To be on the printed ballot a person must be suggested by the nominating committee or nominated from the floor at the Mon. Feb 23rd SWNA meeting.

Call in your suggestions to the nominating committee by contacting Carole Early 202/488-3355, or Naomi Monk, 202/479-0442.

At the March 20th election everyone in Southwest can vote for officers (president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer). However, the twelve other members of the Board are elected by their own neighbors who live in each of the four smaller districts.

Not sure of your district? Check the map on right.



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## SW and the Mandarin Hotel

The PR Officer of the Mandarin Hotel wrote: "In Asian society, there is a strong sense of duty and responsible to others - to one's family, company, city and country. This value of looking outwardly, beyond oneself, and being a positive part of the lives of those who surround us is a strong characteristic of Mandarin Oriental properties. The National Cherry Blossom Festival, The Arena Stage, The Freer and Sackler Galleries, The Corcoran Museum are just a few examples of partnerships established that are for the mutual benefit of the organization, its members, the community and the hotel."

This is a very positive note. We are anxious to have them as neighbors. They expect to open on March 1, 2004.

For more information about employment opportunities with the hotel, you may go to [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com). The initial process requires applying online.

## Two SW Residents Honored

By Jean Macdonald

Our Southwest neighborhood can put a feather in its cap as two of our local activists were honored by the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Inc. in December.

Honored at its 83rd Anniversary Scholarship Awards lunch, Dale MacIver was recognized by the NAACP for his outstanding work and leadership in our community.

Thelma Jones, with 20 years of service to this neighborhood, was awarded the Grass Roots Award for 2003.

It is a tribute to our community that we have such dedicated people working for the benefit of us all.

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## Southwest Community Calendar Jan. 24 - Feb. 29

### MONTHLY

**SAT., JAN. 24,** SEUs Chinese New Year Celebration & Lion Dance, at SEU's multi-purpose room, free, reservations required, call 202-488-8162 ext. 227, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**MON. JAN. 26,** SWNA Public meeting, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St., SW, 7:30

**WED. JAN. 28,** Fourth St. Neighborhood Group will have a meeting re Preservation, at Carrollsburg Sq. Condo. Meeting Rm., 7:30 pm

**SUN. FEB. 1,** Black History Month Kick-off, SEU's multi-purpose room, 2:00 pm

**TUES. FEB. 3,** Citizens Advisory Council, Police Hdqtrs., 415-4th St., SW, 7 pm

**MON., FEB. 9,** ANC Monthly meeting, Millennium Arts Center, 65 I St., SW, 7 pm

**THURS FEB. 26,** Chamber Music, St. Augustines' Church, 6th & M St., SW, 7:30 pm

**TUES. FEB. 24,** Black History Essay Contest & Discussion, at SEU, 11 am

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**Komen Toastmasters** - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

**Fil-Am Toastmasters** - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

**School St. Toastmasters** - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 88 - noon  
**Collector's Club (Stamps)** - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye St. S.W., 7 pm (202-291-62290

**S.W. Kiwanis** - First & Third Mon., S.E. University, 6th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**S.W. Citizens Patrol with Officer Keny Daniels** - 4th & M St. S.W., Safeway parking lot, every Tues. At 7 pm

**New Southwest Toastmasters** - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. February 4

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## Jefferson & the Milken Educator Awards

By Carole Early

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Each of these valuable educators will be presented a financial award of \$25,000 when they attend the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference to be held in May, 2004.

On Thursday, February 5, there will be a one-day conference and awards luncheon honoring the two DC Public Schools 2003 recipients. The event will be held at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel.

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## James Creek Study to be Released

By Mark Clark

DC Housing Authority officials have announced that the findings of a Thomas Doerr Associates feasibility study for allowing the existing tenants of the James Creek Residences to purchase their homes should be presented at the end of January. Two years after the initial announcement that the DCHA was planning to divest itself of its largest property in Southwest, Alice Vezell of the authority's public affairs office, stated that the results of the study were slated for release before the first of February.

## 4th Street Meeting Set

The 4th Street Group will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at River Park Mutual Homes.

The program will focus on historic preservation in our Southwest Community and will feature speakers from the DC Preservation League and the DC Historic Preservation Office.

## Speechcraft Program

The Fil-Am Toastmasters meets on the second & fourth Wednesday. On Jan. 14th, a new program begins called "Speechcraft". It will continue for 6 sessions. Even if you miss the first session, come to the other meeting dates.

## Profile of a Recipient

By Carole Early

Dontria Bawner is a current scholarship recipient. She is a very focussed, hard-driven, involved young lady. If she is typical of the next generation, we are in good hands.

She graduated from the Washington Math, Science Tech Charter High School & with the help of various scholarships & grants, she is now attending Penn State. She has a 3.63 GPA, "down from 3.9 because I am involved in so many projects besides academics".

As a Resident Assistant, she is in charge of 30 women living on her floor. She is also a representative to the Student Government Association which is the umbrella organization for most other campus groups.

The group which Dontria is most active in is the Peer Leadership Council. In it, she motivates other students to get involved with campus life. Because of this involvement, she attended a state leadership conference.

When first beginning her college studies, Dontria found out that she had to do some extra studying to bring herself "up to speed" with the level of education required. She reports that her major is Political Science and her minor is English. She now feels "all caught up" and is enjoying her studies.

After she graduates and returns to SW, she will be an excellent member of the SWNA Board. Her message to possible recipients - "Always believe in yourself."

To contact Dontria, email her at Dmb407@psu.edu

## SW Rental Buildings

by Saadia Athias

I am a Capitol Park Resident at 301 G Street. I have resided in Southwest for 25 years. I have been following the transitions and the many difficulties of the buildings at the 201 I Street and the

103 G Street. They were once our brother and sister buildings; however they have been recently sold to a different landlord.

I have neighbors, and friends who reside in the 201 I Street Building. They relate grave concerns about their unbearable living conditions. The new owners are recruiting patients from St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Section 8 Housing to replace the long term residents that have vacated because of the stressful environment.

Some of the stressful problems include mold infestation, sandblasting of the exterior that expose tenants to asbestos, cancellation of security guards, rodent and roach problem and pet law

changes, (Pit bulls now moving in) and many unexplained fires that have tenants frightful. Also haphazard maintenance has been ignored and this imposes detrimental health threats.

In addition, many seniors and other long term residents cannot afford the bi-annual rent increases and as a result, are forced to relocate. Many buildings are being sold to other landlords who have disregarded giving tenants the right of first refusal.

The treasurer of the New Capitol Park Plaza Tenants Association wrote that "we were sold and turned into a housing project without anyone ever seeing fit to inform us - the DC Housing Finance Agency and the DCRA are implicated in this tragic affair. Since taking over, our new owner, a convicted felon, raised rents, changed several key policies, and hammered us with an onerous and unnecessary construction project that does NOT address key needs of the building, removed 24 hour security, ignored legitimate tenant complaints

about reduction and elimination of services, and actively hampered our efforts to organize to defend tenant's rights."

Finally, Waterside Towers and the Commons at Town Center were sold to United Dominion Realty Trust and the tenants were not given the right of first refusal.

It saddens me that my neighbors have been rendered powerless to cope with their unfair living conditions. Many community members and leaders are talking about the unethical practices of the landlords and how it is becoming more widespread in our own backyards.

In my opinion, each rental apartment should organize a Tenant's Association. The presidents of the Associations should meet within a couple of weeks to discuss detail information on how to move forward as a community to solve the unethical practices of the landlords and work in common effort to address these issues in the near future.

Contact saadenterprise@msn.com for further info. on future meetings.

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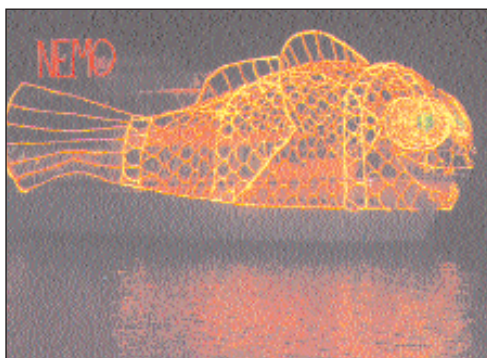
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## Around SW In Pictures...



*Nemo, (pictured left) was the winner of the Parade of Lighted Boats competition held Dec. 6th in the Washington Channel. Capt. Linda Purdy is a member of the Capital Yacht Club. The Winner of the in slip competition which was held Dec. 10th - Capt. Paul Lain (right).*



*Three dozen children received presents at a Christmas party at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center attended by local businessman, Bob Siegel (in Santa's Hat)*



*Center director Marcus Ellis is shown with a group of children at the Christmas party at Greenleaf.*

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# Club 4 Hosts Holiday Tournament

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Club #4's 14-and-under A-team won the championship in their class.

Clubhouse director Alvin Hudgens praised the coaches for their leadership and commitment, and the parents from Southwest and around the city who gave up their holiday time to cheer on the more than 100 young athletes.



*Calvin Minor, Most Valuable Player (14 and under) in Holiday tournament at Club #4 prepares to shoot*



*10 and under - in gold jerseys and purple shorts Coaches in back: April Hines on left, Robert Carter on right. In front (left to right) Mosell Jones (33), Kan-nor Adams (28), Deallto Davis (1), Morkio Washington (3), Delonte Hill (34). Back row left to right - Anthony Calloway, Antonio Spencer, Brandon Boykins, Tyrik Haywood, William Marrow (2), David Gillis*



*14 and under - in gold jerseys and gold pants (left to right, kneeling): Kevin McLean, Marco ( ? ), Jacob Herring, Rashod Mathis (left to right standing) Coach Ron, TeAuntay Ford, Darryl Gillis, Markee Young, Walter Allen, Hasante Carson, Alphonso Johnson, Coach Tony Parry*



*12 and under basketball team: Front row (1 to r) Stephon Mathis, Dequintus Brooks, Eric Wanzor, Audley Feemster. Second row (1 to r) Rapheal Terrell, Andre Wilkinson, Makeever Mack, Leroy Frye, Howard Phifeek, Back row: (1 to r) Coach Hines, Rashad King, Louis Ball, Jr., Kenard Ballinger, Marcus Watson, Aaron Miller, Coach Greg Boykins.*



*14 and under - in purple uniforms (left to right, kneeling): Antonio Wilkinson, Calvin Mainor, Tyrone Ford, Gary Durant (left to right standing) Coach Ron, Jonathan Johnson, Rico Hines, Antonio Smith, Malcolm Davis, Donte ( ? ), head coach Tony Parry.*

## Teenagers Enjoy Arena Stage Play "Crowns"

*(Some comments from SW students in the Arena Stage youth program at Randall Recreation Center)*

"It surprised me to see a young girl like myself in a play and with all black people."

*Diamond Harris*

"I like the way they changed that young girl's life, and they had beautiful voices."

*Pearl Harris*

"I had a good time laughing at the show."

*Dominique Smith*

"Just because of the death of her brother, she doesn't have to live his life, but be herself. She can love him and wear her own style of hat."

*Parisse Brown*

"It set my mind to my conversations with my own grandmother. We both are creative hat lovers and wear them as crowns."

*Randall Recreation Center unit manager Zakia Brown*

## New Charter School Set to Open on Capitol Hill

Two Rivers Public Charter was founded by more than 3 dozen parents from Capitol Hill. It was awarded its charter in August and will open on Capitol Hill very soon.

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## Safe Sitter Training Classes Coming in March

Registration is being accepted for the next Safe Sitter class in March for a maximum of ten students. To date, ten students — nine girls and one boy - have completed the intensive Safe Sitter training held under the auspices of the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force.

YATF is currently the only Registered Safe Sitter site in the city. Safe Sitter teaches adolescent babysitters, ages 11 to 13 years old, how to handle crises, how to keep their charges secure, and how to nurture and guide a young child. Students completing the training can also earn extra money as a Safe Sitter. For more information on the Safe Sitter training, please call Safe Sitter Instructor Thelma Jones at (202) 488-3746.

## Greenleaf Rec. Center

by Linda Nishida

In late December, work finally began on the new King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. The existing facility, located at 201 N Street, SW, serves the residents of the Greenleaf, Syphax Gardens and James Creek communities.

The existing structure will be used while contractors begin building a 17,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, complete with an indoor gymnasium, additional meeting spaces, exercise rooms, shower facilities, locker rooms and learning centers. In addition, the parking lots, playing fields and driveways will be improved, and exterior lighting will be installed. Marcus Ellis, the center's site manager said,

"They're excited that a facility is coming about that will not only provide leisure activities, but also learning opportunities for the community."

After completion of the center will be immediately ready for use once it is the

ground seeding will need a period of six to eight months to germinate before the playing fields are ready for public use. The new date for the "Ground Breaking" ceremony has been tentatively changed to March. As soon as the date is known, you will be advised of it.

## Historical Museum of Washington

Jan. 28 6:30 Panel discussion of Washington historic maps, with Iris Miller, Charlene Drew-Jarvis, Cindy Janke, and Harry Robinson. Fee \$8.00. Reservation required 202-383-1809

Feb. 8 2-4 Lecture remembering E.B. Henderson by son Edwin Henderson; 3-4 panel discussion on E.B. Henderson

Feb. 14 1-3 Anna Johnson on art in D.C. Lecture. \$8.00 non-member Reservation required

Feb. 28 2-4 Secrets of the City Museum neighborhood. Slide program \$8.00 non-member. Reservations req.

# ON THE WATERFRONT

## Waterfront In Limbo

The crew at the Millenium Art and Time Capsule Center (I didn't invent the name — I found it in the phone book) are still waiting for the other shoes to drop in their multiple court cases. Their appeal of an eviction notice, a ruling on back rent owed by the homeless shelter that occupies a portion of their building, and rulings on the MAC bankruptcy and partnership are anticipated by the end of January.

While the artists there are preparing to pack their garbage bags and move to the homeless shelter in the basement, our usually reliable sources tell us that the Corcoran may be still sniffing around at the back door. David Levy, the Corcoran honcho who brought us the Madame Toussaud of painted bronze, J.Seward Johnson, last month, and who was once caught on videotape mouthing the words "I think modern art took a wrong turn" (towards abstraction) "in 1945", apparently still has his heart set on securing the lease on the old Randall Junior High building that houses MAC. Maybe he's heard the rumors that there's a set of Frederick Hart schlocko reproductions in the MAC time capsule.

## Flying the Coop?

Wouldn't you know? Just when the city sanitation trucks started showing up regularly on my block, my mole at City Hall says that the scuttlebutt there is that Southwest resident, ANC6D commissioner and Clean Cities program manager Mary Williams is donning her life vest and preparing to jump ship for more lucrative waters in private law practice.

## You never know.

The local police are snickering up their sleeves these days. One of Southwest's favorite reprobates, who spends his working days running "errands" for the crack dealers in the James Creek projects, just did a 90 day stretch for possession. Something in his arrest record came to light while he was being booked, and it turns out he was once a big wheel at the

Chalk Point Nuclear Power Plant. It wasn't exactly rocket science, but it was close. He looks fat, sleek and rested after his vacation at DC jail, a far cry from the Caribbean resorts he used to frequent. Too bad he opted out of rehab and is back shuffling down South Capitol Street, a man with a mission.

## False hope

Rumors that my favorite Jamaican Bakery was staying put in the Waterfront Mall proved unfounded. Negril Bakery is still desperately seeking a new home in Southwest, ahead of the proposed closing and renovation of the former Waterside property on M Street.

## Smoking

Andy Litsky was hot under the collar about a proposal supported by Southwest's former council representative, Jack Evans, to build a baseball stadium at Banner Overlook, at the end of the L'Enfant Promenade overlooking the fish wharf. The site, which is also under consideration for the home of the forthcoming National Museum of African American History and Culture, is owned mostly by the park service, and would require some elevated construction over Interstate 395. Perhaps the thought of one of Ossama bin Laden's truck bombs interrupting the opening day festivities while president Bush throws out the first ball, was just too much for Andy to bear. He's advising us to light up the switchboards to the other city council reps to head off the proposal.

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## South East Federal Center Development Moving Forward

by Mark Clark

Michael McGill of the Government Services Administration's Public Building Service announced that the JBG Companies have been selected as the developer for the 11 acre Department of Transportation head quarters site at the South East Federal Center Site in near South-east, south of M Street. JBG will develop the site and construct the headquarters building in a "build to suit lease" agreement.

Mr. McGill also stated that GSA was currently reading and evaluating the written responses to their first draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposal to develop the remaining 42 acres of the government owned SE Federal Center site. "Comments have been overwhelmingly favorable to the proposal" McGill said in a telephone interview.

The plan would involve phased construction over a 10 year period, and would restore a more natural, greener shoreline to the community and allow for construction of a section of the proposed Anacostia River walk. The US General Services Administration, National Capital Region, seeks to transfer the 42 acre underused waterfront site by sale or ground lease to a private developer for mixed use development with residences, offices, shops, a waterfront park and cultural amenities. GSA's stated primary goal for this proposed action is to enhance the value of the SEFC site to the US government. In seeking to transfer the 42 acre site, GSA has developed build out targets for the site, submitted a zoning proposal to the District of Columbia and asked for development proposals from highly qualified developers.

## ACS Outreach Program is Waiting to Help

ACS, Affiliated Computer Services is an outreach program for Department of Human Services. The aim of this program to get TANF people back to work thus helping the client to meet his/her work requirement. ACS is involved not only in placement but retention. The office has many directories of available jobs. In addition to confidential counseling, there is a computer room (with 8 computers) which is staffed, as well as daily workshops for people referred by DHS.

There are 7 of these programs in the city. Fortunately for SW, one is located at Waterfront Mall, in the center corridor near the former in Suite 150 (near the former Jenny's nightclub). The majority of their clients are TANF people who have been referred by DHS.

There is a staff of 18 people at ACS waiting to help you. Should you have any questions, the phone number is 202-484-9600.



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## Entrepreneurship Class Visits NYC

Nineteen students from Jefferson JHS National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) class recently participated in an all-day Wholesale shopping trip to New York City.

Jefferson students were among 500 passengers — 450 students, 86 chaperones (teachers and parents) — representing 15 schools from Washington, DC, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, and the NFTE staff. Thelma Jones, who represents the World Bank on NFTE's advisory board, also participated in the trip.

Many of the youth have launched their businesses through a seed capital start up grant in which they received through the NFTE program that is 100% funded by private foundations, corporations, individuals and organizations such as the World Bank.

The shopping trip provided the students an opportunity to buy low and sell high and keep good records, including collecting receipts and business cards from the storeowners.

Mixed with some tough negotiation and selling from the young entrepreneurs, the day was filled with lots of excitement and enthusiasm.

## AOL & Arts Award

Jefferson Jr. HS has every right to be proud of itself. Not only did one of its teachers, Jonothan Jou, win a Milken Educator Award (see story on page ) but it recently received two other awards. It was awarded a cash grant of \$10,000 as part of the 2003 America Online Aspirations Grants program.

The program seeks to boost innovation in education through after-school mentoring, literacy programs, media and technology advancement, career counseling and character building. Jefferson will use its funding to have two classes participate in a program that enables students to analyze print and electronic media and their impact on young people and their families, communities and schools.

One of the Mayor's Arts Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education, Middle School Level went Richard Gill. He has been an instrumental music teacher with the DC Public Schools for 20 years, at Jefferson for the past 10 years.

## Mad Cow Disease & Safeway

by Saadia Athias

As a concerned member of the Southwester staff, I talked to Safeway Head-

quarters. My question was, "should we fear purchasing beef and dairy products since last months epidemic of "Mad Cow" disease?"

Craig Muckle who is the Marketing/Public Affairs Director stated that Safeway purchases Angus Beef. Angus beef is a different breed of cow and purchasing company than the

Holstein cow which is a distinctly different company.

## Upcoming Events at Ford's Theater

"Looking Over the President's Shoulder" - January 30 - March 7

This is the story of Alonzo Fields, an African American who spent twenty-one years at the White House as chief butler to four U.S. presidents from 1931 to 1953. The star, Wendell Wright, has performed at the Arena Stage, the Old Globe Theater, Hartford Stage and Vancouver Playhouse and done lots of television acting.

Performance Schedule:

Fri., Jan. 30-Sun., Mar. 7; Tues. - Sun. at 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. at 2:30 pm; Thurs, Feb. 12 - Mar. 4 at 1:00 pm (no performance Wed., Feb. 4)

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The hard working members of the Youth Activities Task Force at a Community Dinner before going with the students to see "Crowns" - from L to R Gina Santos, Jeanne Macdonald (chair), Dale MacIver, Niles White, Beryl Rice & Rick Bardach.

## Jones Joins Fight to Reduce Teen Pregnancy

SW YATF Member Thelma Jones recently completed DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy one-day training and a refresher's session on reducing the District's teen pregnancy rate to become a parent peer educator.

Equipped with the necessary tools, curriculum and training to lead a workshop on "Talking to Teens About Love, Sex and Relationships", Jones can teach parents the following: the importance of using correct language with their teen when referring to the anatomy and teen pregnancy prevention; a discussion about the messages influencing teens and the need for parents to communicate their own values and messages about love, sex and relationships; and a discussion of barriers and solutions that lead to more open and comfortable parent/child communication above love, sex and relationships.

Jones is enthusiastic about conducting her first session and encourages the relevant individuals or organizations to contact her at (202) 488-3746. Workshops for parents on teen pregnancy prevention are 2-3 hours with a minimum of six parents required.

## Arena's Voices of Now

On January 21 Arena Stage held auditions for its Voices of Now Ensemble. This program will meet Wednesdays and Thursdays after-school at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (222 M Street, SW), from 4:00 till 5:30. Sessions will begin on February 4 and run through the week-end of May 15, with performances on May 15 and 16 at Arena Stage. The Ensemble will be made up of teens age 14 - 17. The audition will consist of some short readings. All those wishing to audition, just show up at St. Matthew's on the designated day. No need to bring anything prepared.

Also, Arena Stage is looking for seniors who live, or used to live, in Southwest, DC and who are interested in putting their stories on the stage. Interested parties please call Laura Zam @ (202) 234-5782.

## Citywide Celebrations Set for Summer '04

The DC Cultural Tourism is planning a citywide celebration in Summer 2004 to mark the opening of the World War II monument on the National Mall. Those who lived and fought on the home front or in the trenches in WWII have been called the "Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw.

DC neighborhoods are being encour-



Students at the YATF Dinner, hamming it up before going to the Arena - (fr. L to R) Diamond Harris, Jade Harris, Parisse Brown, Pearl Harris, & Sapphire Harris.

aged to celebrate their own "Greatest Generation" with some sort of event.

Next year is also the 40th Anniversary for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the Southwester newspaper.

The SWNA History Task Force thinks this is a year for another SW community-wide Celebration. So we should celebrate all these events at one time. If you would like to help us plan a SW celebration, or if you would be willing to tell your story of WWII please call Margaret Feldman at 554-0242 or email: mefeldman@aol.com. A committee will start working on this in January. We hope to have lots of participants.

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